



## Tips for Taking the Certified Pediatric Nurse Exam

The goal of the PNCB is for you to successfully pass the Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN®) Exam. Your education and clinical experiences should be the basis for your preparation, but here are some additional suggestions.

### **General information:**

1. Exams will be similar based on the CPN® Content Outline found at [www.pncb.org](http://www.pncb.org).
2. Remember to read the exam items carefully, and choose the BEST answer. The answers are based on national guidelines, practice and textbooks and may not reflect local trends.
3. All exams are scored by computer and the results are verified manually by a psychometrician. See our web site for an explanation of scoring.

### **Study guide:**

1. Take time to review your results in each category of the content outline, and reserve study time for the weak areas.
2. Watch for regional conferences that sponsor a review course for pediatric nursing certification, i.e. The Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN).
3. If you work in a pediatric specialty area, review general medical/surgical pediatric nursing through study or cross-training.

### **Textbooks recommended by educators and successful examinees include:**

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1. *Wong's Essentials of Pediatric Nursing*, 8th Edition (2009).  
By Marilyn J. Hockenberry, David Wilson and Marilyn L. Winkelstein
2. *Wong's Nursing Care of Infants and Children*, 9th Edition (2010)  
By Marilyn J. Hockenberry and David Wilson
3. *Child Health Nursing: Partnering with Children and Families*, 2nd edition (2009).  
By J. W. Ball, R. C. Binder and K. J. Cowen
4. *Essentials of Pediatric Nursing* (2008).  
By T. Kyle
5. *Pediatric Nursing, Caring for Children and Their Families*, 3rd Edition (2011).  
By Nicki L. Potts and Barbara L. Mandlco
6. *Mosby's Pediatric Nursing Reference*, 6th Edition (2008).  
By C. L. Betz and L. A. Sowden

### **CPN Exam Prep & Test Taking Strategies Modules**

The PNCB offers a CPN® Exam Prep Test at [www.pncb.org](http://www.pncb.org). This unique practice testing tool offers:

- A computer-based simulation of the types of questions included in the CPN® Exam.
- Help in becoming familiar with the presentation and structure of CPN® Exam questions.
- In-depth rationale for all right and wrong answers.
- Questions related to content areas on the exam.

The PNCB's Test-Taking Strategies module for covers all phases of exam readiness, from dealing with test anxiety to creating a study plan and performing well on exam day, plus detailed tactics for analyzing and answering multiple-choice exam questions.

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